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## The Month of Events

The last month of the school year finds parents, alumni, and cadets involved in special holidays and celebrations.

Parents' Weekend was held April 30 - May 1. The Senior Dance was hailed by all. The main attraction, however, to the parents and cadets was the AMA figure, composed of officers, seniors, Roller Rifles and their dates. The band, Barnstorm, was also praised as they gave a spectacular performance.

The next weekend was Founder's Day, which was celebrated on Saturday, May 7 instead of the traditional May 8.

Alumni Weekend followed with great success, due partially to the success of Bellringer '77, a campaign to contract alumni for the association and for Alumni Weekend.

Senior Slave Day with its annual Senior Picnic was met with just as much enthusiasm as in the past years. This was the day seniors had waited for since the beginning of their high school career and they enjoyed themselves, leaving juniors to look forward to next year.

Commencement Exercises are being held Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28. The exercises will start with a Junior Roller Rifle exhibition at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, and followed at 3:30 by a Roller Rifle exhibition.

Sponsors' and Graduates' Parade will follow at 4:30 p.m. At 5:00 p.m. the reception for all parents, alumni, faculty and members of the graduating class is to be given on the Library lawn. The literary society and awards ceremony will then be held at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 28 starts off with the Baccalaureate Service at Augusta Stone Church at 10:00 a.m. Closing Exercises will be at 11:30 in the Memorial Gymnasium with the Final Formation at 12:30 p.m.

## LOOK AHEAD

### CALENDAR

- 23 May Exams begin
- 27 May Closing exercises begin
- 28 May Graduation
- 20 June Summer School begins
- 30 July Summer School ends
- 21 September Old Cadet registration
- 22 September Classes begin

## Applied Science

by George Mineff

"Science should be applied, and there is no better way of accomplishing this but through projects. Plus it gives the student more of a chance to use the material provided by the Academy."

These reasons were given by Lt. Charles Steelman as the motivation for the Science Fair for eighth and ninth graders which was held over Parents' Weekend.

Winners in the eighth grade section were: first place, Richard Sanford; second place, Todd Livick; third place, Scott Clemmons. Sanford did his project on solar power. He used a solar cell in his display and had a complete explanation of its efficiency and relevance to today.

In the ninth grade category winners were: first place, Henry Paderick; second place, William Huegel; third place, Juan Socarraz. Paderick did his project on taxidermy and skinned a skunk, racoon, and other small animals. The project was attractively displayed with complete explanations on procedures taken in taxidermy.

First prize winners were awarded silver dollars. "The silver dollar is a symbol of excellence. I wanted a symbol which represented superiority," said Lt. Steelman.

"Believe it or Not. According to Bob Ripley, Augusta has the distinction of having the oldest YMCA in the nation." From the 1946 Recall.

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# For Friendship and Loyalty

by Shawn Ogimachi

For twenty-one years the name Cap has been synonymous with the Mess Hall at Augusta. Major Tony Peduto came in 1956. On May 15, he went to Stuart Hall to head the dining hall for Marquis Services.

Major Peduto has been a Stauntonite since his birth. His first experiences in institutional food came when he was drafted in 1941.

His job as a cook was limited as World War II broke out, and he quickly went to Europe. If one ever wondered why his walk is not normal, it is the result of his feet freezing at the Battle of the Bulge. Before his discharge he won the Bronze Star and the President's Unit Citation.

Maybe his ability to relate to cadets came from his Army days as he correctly exacted his stay at five years and seventeen days. Even some seniors have hesitated on remembering their time at AMA.

Cap, short for Captain, has always been extremely close with the cadet waiters working in the Mess Hall. Before this year, under the post-graduate scholarships, most post-grads worked in the Mess Hall to help pay their tuition.

This helps to account for Major Peduto's interest in athletics. Referring to those days of yesteryear, Major Peduto recalls Headquarters Company, an all CW company. The abandoned North Barracks behind the Mess Hall was HQ's residence.

During the peak years when AMA had corps of five hundred in 1959 and the early '60's, cadet waiters numbered as many as fifty-eight. Practically a father to his cadet waiters, Major Peduto managed more than preparing food. He managed up to fifty-eight boys twice a day.

Most athletes of one type or another were cadet waiters and always had the backing of Major Peduto.



Twenty-two years of service given to Augusta. Major A. J. "Tony" Peduto (right) receives the Presentation Sabre from Col. Malcolm H. Livick as Mrs. Livick looks on. (Photo by JRM)

As he explained, "Of course, many of the boys not only played football or basketball, but also wrestling and other sports." With that his interest in sports expanded.

The cadets who served under him always grumbled at one time or another, but around Christmas a bottle of good whiskey or other presents seemed to pop up from no where.

Over these twenty-one years, Cap has noticed a change in boys in about five-year cycles. As the ideas of the nation change, the cadets did also. Major Peduto readily explains differences he saw in the early '60's and into the Vietnam War era. The word "military school" was consider-

ed dirty.

He believes this era is past now and that AMA is becoming better every year. Reflecting back and trying to set aside his allegiance to AMA, he remembered AMA and SMA cadets before he was even working at Augusta.

"I would never have anything to do with SMA cadets due to their conduct in town." He went on to say, "Augusta always had an edge on Staunton just because of their conduct." There were exceptions, but on the average that was his first impression. He expressed hope that this would continue.

On May 5, in a demonstration of appreciation, Col. and Mrs. M. H. Livick presented Major Peduto with the Presentation Sabre award for loyalty to Augusta along with a pewter mug. On these tokens of appreciation were inscribed his name and "1956-1977—Friendship and Loyalty."

Yet Major Peduto is only traveling eight miles south to work, and he assures everyone he won't stay away too long at a time. For those interested cadets, he makes his statement public that he won't be chasing girls but working, not only to feed the students, but also with a Meals on Wheels project operating out of Stuart Hall to aid the shut-ins of Staunton.

Maybe he's old fashion, but there aren't many like him. He's proud to be a veteran, father, American, and to have served Augusta. He must be what is called a gentleman for when asked if he had any advice for the cadets, he only had thanks.

As his career at AMA came to an end, he stated, "I would like to thank the cadets and the former cadets, Col. and Mrs. Livick, Mr. Marquis, and Augusta for giving me a job and friendship and everything that went with it."



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**Mark Abernathy**, 3816 Davis Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007. My most memorable time at AMA was my whole senior year and the second Parents' Weekend of that year. Future plans: U.S. Army

**Andre Allen**, 932 Lenton Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21212. My best time was the last Parents' Weekend Dance. Future plans: To play college ball

**Barry Cartwright**, 6121 Saunders Drive, Virginia Beach, VA. 23462.

Future plans: To study electronics at a technical school

**Mark C. Castellane**, Route 2, Troutville, VA. 24175.

My most memorable time was fencing for Col. Hoover and going to Johns Hopkins to fence.

Future plans: To attend college and major in law enforcement.

**James B. Cheesman**, 15600 Warwick Blvd. #14, Newport News, VA. 23602.

My most memorable time was before and after spring vacation.

Future plans: To attend Christopher Newport College and major in Business Administration.

**Wayne Frantz**, Route 1, Hawley, PA. 18428

My most memorable time will be the last day at AMA.

Future plans: To attend college for pre-law

**Boris R. Gabriel**, 20 Calle 7-62, Zona 1, Guatemala City, Guatemala

My most memorable time was my first semester of my first year when I was a new cadet receiving pushups.

Future plans: To attend college in Guatemala for three years with the last year of college in the U.S.

**Raymond D. Gentry, Jr.**, 4313 N. 18th St., Arlington, VA. 22207

My most memorable time was receiving corporal only to have it taken away by a special order six hours later.

Future plans: To attend college, probably Biscayne College.

**Jimmy Gounaris**, 384 Hiden Blvd., Newport News, VA. 23606

My most memorable time was living in the third stoop tower this year.

Future plans: To go to college and to get married.

**Jack R. Harris, Jr.**, Route 10, Box 325-R, Statesville, N.C. 28677

My most memorable time was trying to figure out if final had gone or not.

Future plans: To go into business

**Bruce E. Hoffman**, 2579 South Tracy Drive, Erie, PA. 16505

My first and last years were my most memorable. The friends I had these two years are indescribable.

Future plans: To attend Slippery Rock State College for Business Administration and open an advertising agency.

**Jon Hunter**, Box 428, Greenwich, Conn. 06830

Future plans: U. S. Army

**Ronald Hypes**, 2000 N. Adams St., #103, Arlington, VA. 22201

The night before I went home for spring break was my most memorable time.

Future plans: U. S. Navy

**Guillermo Jacoby Salazar**, P.O. Box 4634, Managua, Nicaragua

Christmas and Spring vacations were most memorable.

Future plans: To attend Northeastern University in Boston for four years and to do further study at MIT.

**James Jenkins**, 11 Holly Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. 20760

My most memorable times were all the Rifle Team trips with MSG Studer.

Future plans: U.S. Army—82nd Airborne Division

**Thomas Kelly, Jr.**, 629 Cora Place, Rahway, N.J. 07065

Being busted for not sleeping in the guard house is the time I remember best.

Future plans: University of California at Santa Barbara

## Corps

Best what? Superlative in sports, who? The Bayonet staff decided to answer these questions from your answers. Each member of the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades was given a ballot, listing items from eating to neatness. Each cadet could then vote for his top three names in each category.

The voted items were the exact same ones as a 1927 staff had given their corps. Here are the results of the survey. Do you agree?

### Best Athlete

1. Tom White
2. Charles Livick

### Best Built

1. Thomas White
2. Charles Livick
3. James Sample

### Best Commissioned Officer

1. Ed Long
2. Thomas White
3. Jack Harris

### Best Ladies Man

1. Jimmy Gounaris
2. Thomas White

### Best Looking Cadet

1. Thomas White
2. Jack Harris
- Mike McKee (tie)

### Best Natured Cadet

1. Eric Trivitayakhun
2. Ron Spriggs

### Best NCO

1. Jeff Campbell
2. Ed Williams
3. Ed Iskrow

**Douglas M. Klick**, 7111 Oakridge Ave., Chevy Chase, MD. 20015

My best time was the ski trip of 1977.

Future plans: Vermont College

**Lee Lewis**, 105 Shannon Court, Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801

My most memorable time will be graduating.

Future plans: Hotel-Restaurant Management at Ashland College in Ohio, and then to the Culinary Institute of America for two years.

**Charles Livick**, P. O. Box 22, Fort Defiance, VA. 24437.

My most memorable time has been all my times here because all of them are memories I shall never forget.

Future plans: To attend East Tennessee State University and major in Physical Education. After college to become a coach or teacher.

# Directory

## Superlatives

### Best Student

1. Thomas Warner
2. Eric Trivitayakhun
3. Guillermo Jacoby

### Biggest Eater

1. James Cheesman
2. Al Hodges
3. Gordon O'Connell

### Done Most for School

1. George Mineff
2. Lee Miller
3. Jack Harris

### Laziest Cadet

1. James Cheesman
2. Gordon O'Connell
3. Bruce Hoffman  
Juan Obregon (tie)

### Most Bashful Cadet

1. Chris Gwyn
2. John Burgess
3. David Stokes

### Most Military

1. Ed Williams
2. Scot Seeds

### Most Popular

1. Thomas White
2. Charles Livick
3. Ed Long

### Most School Spirit

1. George Mineff
2. Keith McWilliams
3. Charles Livick

### Neatest Cadet

1. Lee Lewis
2. Eric Trivitayakhun
3. Charles Steward

### Politest Cadet

1. George Mineff  
Eric Trivitayakhun (tie)
3. Charles Livick

**Rodrigo Antonia Lizarralde**, 4 Ave. 16-20, Zona 10, Guatemala, Guatemala.

My best times were vacation.

Future plans: To go to college and marry a rich girl.

**Edward A. Long**, Box 323W, Route 2, Bellefonte, PA. 16823  
Being a leader of the Best Platoon two years in a row was my most memorable time.

Future plans: U.S. Army for three years and then to become freelance photographer.

**Michael McKee** 609 Baltzell Ave., Fort Benning, GA. 31905  
My most memorable time was when I came back from spring vacation on the bus this year.

Future plans: U.S. Army

**Keith McWilliams**, 3550 Vineyard Way, Lawrenceville, GA. 30245

My most memorable time was when George Mineff hit

my hand with his head and broke my fingers in the tenth grade.

Future plans: U.S. Coast Guard

**George Mineff, Jr.**, 6211 Ridge Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129  
I have had many times at AMA which I will never forget. My best time was the past four years.

Future plans: To go to college in South Carolina, majoring in journalism or history.

**John T. Myers**, 10103 Cherrywood Drive, Richmond, VA. 23233

My best time was the baseball season of my first year.

Future plans: To become a geologist

**Shawn N. Ogimachi**, 109 Sea Terrace Way, Aptos, CA. 95003  
My most memorable time was going AWOL to California by way of Washington, D.C., New Jersey, New York, Mississippi, Dallas, Chicago, and finally San Francisco.

Future plans: To go to college

**Johnny G. Robinson**, 2133 Denison St., Baltimore, MD. 21216  
My most memorable time was when I scored eighteen points against Fishburne Military Academy during the basketball season.

Future plans: To become a paramedic

**James Sample**, 1412 Lafayette Ave., Baltimore, MD. 21213  
Future plans: College

**Ronald T. Spriggs**, 406 E. 24th St., Baltimore, MD. 21218  
My most memorable time was when the football team won the VIC championship.

Future plans: To attend Ferrum College

**Charles A. Steward**, 134-28 Maple Ave., Flushing, N.Y. 11355  
One of the things I will remember best is playing drums at basketball games and getting into Roller Rifles.

Future plans: College

**Mark Sullivan**, Route 1, New Paris, PA. 15554

My most memorable experience was working with F Co.

Future plans: Coast Guard

**Dean Wagoner**, 506 N. East St., Culpeper, VA. 22701.

The best time for me was playing on AMA's tennis team.

Future plans: U.S. Army

**James D. Wamsley**, 16 Greenway Drive., Mechanicsburg, PA. 17055

My most memorable time was my first year in the first platoon of B Company.

Future plans: College at Harrisburg Area Community College.

**Thomas Warner, III**, 3321 Carney Farm Lane, Portsmouth, VA. 23703

My best times were those at Bald Rock.

Future plans: Old Dominion University

**Thomas White, III**, Route 6, Box 458, Mooresville, N.C. 28115

My best times were winning the VIC football championship and living in the third stoop tower.

Future plans: To go to college and play lacrosse.

**Edward L. Williams**, 715 Richmond Ave., Silver Spring, MD. 20910

My best times were winning the VIC football championship and winning Best Company and Best Platoon.

Future plans: U.S. Army

**Christopher L. Vetick**, 11733 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, MD. 21029

The most memorable time I had is the trouble I got into in Staunton with all my friends.

Future plans: To work at the Washington Post this summer and attend the University of Nebraska in the fall.

**Alvaro V. Zayas**, 140 Cap Florida Drive, Key Biscayne, Florida 33149

I remember receiving an A in English as my best accomplishment.

Future plans: Undecided, perhaps politics.

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## Streak Ends Season

by Mike Casto

The baseball team finished off the '77 season by winning their last three games. The Streaks defeated Fishburne 8-5 and then swept a doubleheader at Holy Cross 4-3 and 15-3.

Solid hitting gave AMA an eight run lead after two innings of play against Fishburne. The Streaks held on to win 8-5 behind the combined pitching efforts of Arthur "Smiley" Yarborough and Raymond Gentry.

The first game of the twin bill at Holy Cross was undoubtedly the most exciting of the season. After falling behind 3-0, Augusta exploded for four runs in the final inning and then executed a perfect double play to end the game.

A fierce hitting attack led by Jimmy Gounaris provided AMA with a 15-3 rout of Holy Cross in the second game. Gounaris had four hits and drove in five runs. Wayne Frantz belted a three run homer and Rock Butler collected three hits, including two doubles. Smiley Yarborough won his second game in as many days with Mike McKee doing an excellent job behind the plate.

Raymond Gentry finished the season with a .421 batting average, highest on the team. Gounaris, Frantz, and Roberto Robles each hit home runs over the course of the season.

By winning their final three games, AMA's Blue Streaks, finished with a respectable record of five wins and seven losses.

### Tennis

AMA 7	Lynchburg Christian 2
AMA 4	Fork Union 5

### Baseball

AMA 4	Lynchburg Christian 5
AMA 4	Lynchburg Christian 3
AMA 2	Rock Hill 4
AMA 6	Otterburn 8
AMA 2	Otterburn 0
AMA 8	Fishburne 5
AMA 4	Holy Cross 3
AMA 15	Holy Cross 3

### Lacrosse

AMA 11	North Cross 0
AMA 13	Roanoke Catholic 3
AMA 8	North Cross 3



"Safe" calls the ump as Jimmy Gounaris scores another run in the game against Holy Cross as Augusta defeated them in a doubleheader, 4-3 and 15-3.

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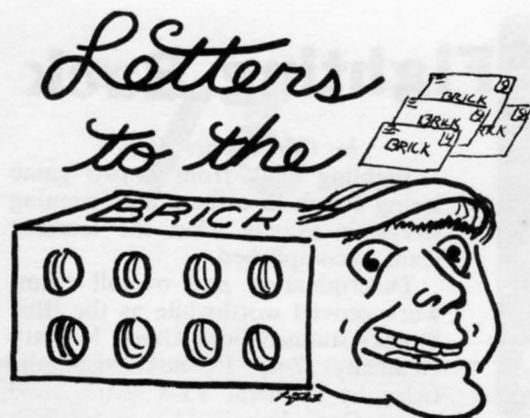
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**BILLY BUDD**  
**RESTAURANTS**





Dear Brick,

Knowing this would be the last issue, I felt this article would be appropriate. I am writing to express a very appreciative thanks to Col. John Dekle, Sgt. Josephson, and Sgt. Don Studer for doing so much for me in my years at AMA and for making life better and morals higher for all of us.

Since my first day at AMA I've found the best thing for one is to have someone to depend on and to talk to unfortunately the majority of the teachers who do so much for each of us are rarely recognized.

Sincerely,  
Ed Long

## Tennis

### Winning Season

by Curtiss Blackwelder

"A lot of hard work and practice made this a winning season." Thus stated Coach Tim Mannasmith as the tennis team completed its most successful season in over nine years.

The season was completed with seven wins and two losses, placing the team in second place in the Virginia Independent Conference standings.

Boris Gabriel had the best season with seven wins and one loss. Juan Obregon and Boris Gabriel teamed up to have the best season for doubles. Shawn Ogimachi won the consolation bracket at the VIC tournament and brought back the first trophy for tennis in over four years.

Competition next spring should be strong because of the starting six players, Shawn Ogimachi, Boris Gabriel and Dean Wagoner are graduating.



Boris Gabriel of Guatemala readys for the serve. Aggressiveness paid off in his seven and one personal season.

(Photo by Long)

Congratulations from all are given to Major Mannasmith, who repaired the badly worn courts in his spare time in the early spring.

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Ken Traylor (66) makes another shot in the Roanoke Catholic game which Augusta won 13-3. (Photo by Long)

## Fighting Back

by Christopher Vetic

Fighting back from a two game losing streak to a five game winning streak is exactly what the lacrosse team accomplished.

Determination and overall teamwork proved worthwhile as the Blue Streaks stunned Fork Union Military Academy 7-4, Roanoke Catholic twice by identical 13-3 scores, and North Cross School 11-0 and 8-3.

Col. David Rapp has been pleased with the team's performance and the overall improvement of the inexperienced players. Every year the coach chooses the recipients for the Best Offensive and Best Defensive players.

Accepting the Best Offensive Player award for the second year were Tommy White and Bruce Hoffman. Tommy and Bruce are the best players and the initial ball handlers to pace the team.

Charlie Livick is the recipient of the Best Defensive Player award. Charlie was the key player on clears and overall defenses. Most improved status was given to Robbie Harris and John Guillott.

The alumni also played the Blue Streaks and kept up well until the second half as the team rolled over "the old men" 10-3. The alumni might have chosen a poor substitute for the thirst quencher as a cooler of beer was provided during half-time.

## Track Sprints through Season

by Steve Barber

As one walked to Bellwood, one may have noticed about thirty people in shorts or sweat suits. These people were the AMA track team.

The team started only a few weeks ago preparing for the Virginia Independent Conference championship track meet at Fishburne Military School on 14 May. The team had only one full week of practice. The reason for the delay was the disappointing turnout for practices. When the team was supposed to meet for the first practice, only six people showed up.

Disappointed, Lt. Charles Steelman, assisted by Lt. Tom Greenwood, intended to cancel the whole thing. As the days went by, however, more people became enthusiastic about the team. Of the thirty cadets who practiced, twelve participated in the meet.

Ron Spriggs made the best showing for Augusta. He entered the shot put event and placed second with a throw of forty-five feet two inches.

Andre Allen made a gallant effort on the high hurdles. This meet was only the second time that he had attempted the hurdles, and he came in fourth place. David Stokes also made a respectable showing in the 880 run by coming in sixth place.

Lt. Steelman would like to express his gratitude to the cadets who not only ran in the meet, but also to the boys who diligently ran day after day. He stated that this showed real school spirit and determination. Lt. Steelman would like to continue the track team and hopes that the enthusiasm will keep up.

# Thomas Hogshead

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